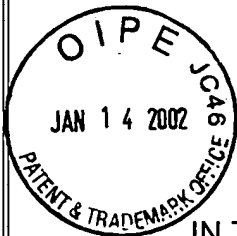


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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS**

In response to the communication of November 13, 2001, Applicant submits the enclosed drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84 for filing in the above-identified application. Applicant has mislaid the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers and therefore submits a copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers received in a related case, application no. 09/975,241, with the appropriate changes marked in red.

Because these two applications were filed with identical specifications and drawings, Applicant believes the objections to the drawings would have been the same.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the enclosed drawings be entered

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into the file for application no. 09/973,865 in response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers.

If any fees are necessary for the submission of these formal drawings, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

*Filing Date Granted*

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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